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KPD collects nearly 200 pounds of prescription drugs during Drug Take Back Day

LĪHU'E – The Kaua'i Police Department collected 196 pounds in unused or expired prescription medications and other drugs during its 13th annual Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 29th.

"Abuse of prescription medication is a growing concern both nationally and right here at home," stated Kaua'i Police Chief Darryl D. Perry. "Drug Take Back Day is one way our law enforcement agencies can work together with our community to combat this problem. By properly disposing of your unused or expired medications in a timely manner, we can help to keep these drugs out of the wrong hands."

The Kaua'i Police Department thanks the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Life's Choices Kaua'i, and volunteers from the Kaua'i District Health Office, the Kaua'i Police Department and the Kauai Medical Reserves Corps, for their assistance in coordinating this event.

Drug Take Back Day is part of a national initiative led by U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), which focuses on providing a safe, convenient, and responsible method of disposing of medications, while also educating the community about the potential for abuse and

consequences of improper storage and disposal. DEA and law enforcement are authorized agencies to collect and dispose of the controlled substances.

For more information on the National Take Back Initiative, please visit the DEA's website at www.dea.gov, or contact Lt. James Rodriguez with the Kaua'i Police Department at 241-1701, or Theresa Koki of Life's Choices, 241-4925.

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